IN THE CLAIMS

Please newly add claims 21 through 28 as follows:

- --21. The printhead of claim 1, each of said plurality of ink inlet passages extend through said base plate, each of said plurality of ink inlet passages having an essentially circular crosssection, said plurality of grooves being disposed around an entire circumference of each inner wall of each of said plurality of ink inlet passages.
- 22. The printhead of claim 1, said printhead being a bubble jet type ink jet printhead with said plurality of heaters forming said bubbles in respective chambers, said plurality of grooves extending through said base plate in said inner walls of each of said plurality of ink inlet passages.
- 23. The printhead of claim 7, each of said plurality of ink inlet passages extend through said substrate, each of said plurality of ink inlet passages having an essentially circular crosssection, said plurality of grooves being disposed around an entire circumference of each inner wall of each of said plurality of ink inlet passages.
- 24. The printhead of claim 7, said printhead being a bubble jet type ink jet printhead with said plurality of heaters forming said bubbles in respective chambers, said plurality of grooves extending through said substrate in said inner walls of each of said plurality of ink inlet passages.

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2 3 4 25. The printhead of claim 12, each of said plurality of ink inlet passages extend through said base plate, each of said plurality of ink inlet passages having an essentially circular cross-section, said plurality of grooves being disposed over an entire surface of each inner wall of each of said plurality of ink inlet passages.

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- 26. The printhead of claim 12, said printhead being a bubble jet type ink jet printhead with said plurality of heaters forming said bubbles in respective chambers, said plurality of grooves extending through said base plate in said inner walls of each of said plurality of ink inlet passages.
- 27. The printhead of claim 12, said plurality of grooves being formed over an entire portion of said inner wall of each of said plurality of ink inlet passages.
- 28. The printhead of claim 7, said plurality of grooves being disposed on each inner wall in a direction parallel to a direction through said substrate.--